

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Reorganization of Soviet Forces in East Germany

1. The attached memorandum analyzes evidence of a reduction in Soviet forces in East Germany. DIA has reported some of this evidence in its daily intelligence summaries but, to date, has not published an estimate of the implications. The current official DIA position is that the USSR is reorganizing its forces in East Germany in a way which is still not clear.

2. We agree that complete confirmation is lacking. But we believe that the implications of the probable reduction, particularly on NATO politics and military planning, are such that a warning to policymakers would be useful.

3. In view of DIA's present position, we recommend no wide circulation of the memorandum. We also recommend that Director, DIA, be apprised of our views.

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